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For : Acidified Nitrite as an Antimicrobial Agent

Docket No. : 14-06 Customer No. : 23713

## **AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R.1.111**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 11, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections and entry of the following amendments to the claims. This Amendment is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time and payment of the necessary fees.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.